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TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1895

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP \$800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS \$800,000
RESERVE FUND \$25,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months—5 per cent.
" " 6 " 4 "
" " 3 " 3 "
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1895.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL \$1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED \$1,250,000
PAID-UP \$800,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 13th June, 1895.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000
RESERVE FUND \$5,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
J. S. MORSE, Esq.—Chairman.
J. KRAMER, Esq.—Deputy Chairman.
R. M. Gray, Esq. S. C. Michaelson, Esq.
C. J. Holliday, Esq. D. R. Sutson, Esq.
Hon. J. J. Kavlick N. A. Siebs, Esq.
Hon. A. McConachie.

CHIEF MANAGER: Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.
MANAGER: Shek-shel—H. M. BEVINS, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1895.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted
by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be
obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER
CENT. per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option
balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED
DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th April, 1895.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital \$1,000,000

Subscribed Capital \$300,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors—
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stolterfoht, Esq. Kwan Hoi Chen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.

Hongkong, 23rd October, 1895.

INSURANCES.

GENERAL NOTICE
THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$553,533-33
EQUAL TO } \$553,533-33
RESERVE FUND \$318,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.
LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1895.

NOTICE
THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE
No. 3, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

Intimations.

BELL'S ASBESTOS EASTERN
AGENCY, LIMITED.

28, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.



ASBESTOS SHEETS, MILLBOARDS, CANVAS, &c.
ASBESTOS COMPOSITION for COVERING ROLLERS and STEAM PIPES.
CANVAS CORE PACKING (Tuck Form). SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
ASBESTOLINE, the most economical lubricant.
ALL GOODS BEARING TRADE MARK GUARANTEED.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1895.

FOR SALE.

G. H. MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

In cases of a doz. pints \$35 per case.

do 1 " quarts \$35 "

SHEWAN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

NEW GAMES FOR THE TABLE.

FLITTERKINS. CHOPSTICKS. BUMBLE PUPPY.

HISTORICAL LOTO.

PICTURES LOTO.

WORD MAKING and WORD TAKING.

DOMINOS.

DRAUGHTS.

CHESS MEN.

HALMA.

BEZIQUE.

TIDDLEDIWINKS.

MALETTINO.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895.

THE CLUB HOTEL, METROPOLE,
5, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

1, TSUKIJI, TOKYO.

FIRST-CLASS HOTELS, centrally situated, well-furnished, the Cuisine under the Supervision of approved French Chef has no equal. ENTIRE FOREIGN MANAGEMENT.

The Hotel steam-launch with European Agent attends arrivals and departures; every assistance given in clearing luggage and affording information. Passengers are met at the Railway Station.

VISITORS have the option of messing either in TOKYO or YOKOHAMA, without extra charge—THE ONLY HOTEL OFFERING SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. EUROPEAN HAIR DRESSER on the Premises.

Certified Guides are in attendance at both Hotels.

THE CLUB HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, PROPRIETORS.

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L. DEWETTE, Manager, TOKYO.

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

BOARD AND LODGING

FROM \$4.00 PER DAY.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TO ALL FLOORS.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH Conveys PASSENGERS and BAGGAGES to and from all

MAIL STEAMERS.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE.

The Range has been placed at the disposal

of the MILITARY until the 2nd instant,
except on THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS.

G. K. MOORE,

Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1895.

C. MOONEY,
SECRETARY.

TO SHIPMASTERS.

STEAM WATER-BOAT COMPANY.

The Undersigned are prepared to SUPPLY

on shortest notice any quantity of PURE
FRESH FILTERED WATER for both DECK

and BOILERS.

The only Company in Hongkong exclusively

Supplying FILTERED WATER.

Dispatch Guaranteed. Call Flag "W."

J. W. KEW & CO.
18, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 17th November, 1894.

HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.

REGON PINE SPARS AND LUMBER
Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, 24th June, 1895.

GROUPS AND VIEWS

in speciality.

Hongkong, 24th June, 1895

To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

Lessee & Manager V. S. SMITH.
Stage Manager Mr. W. G. CAREY.
GRAND FARCE COMEDY
SEASON.

FUN! FUN! FUN!!!

TO-NIGHT
(TUESDAY, 14th May.)
(FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONGKONG.)
FARCE COMEDY BY MRS. MERRIVALE,
"THE BUTLER."

TO-MORROW
(WEDNESDAY, 15th May.)
(ANOTHER SPECIAL REQUEST).
MISS SALLY BOOTH will repeat her
Roaring Impression of
"MAMMA."

THURSDAY 16th May.
F. C. BURNARD'S FABRICIAL
COMEDY,
"CONFUSION."

FRIDAY, 17th May.
DERRICK'S most Successful and Amusing
FARCE COMEDY,
"CONFUSION."

Prices as Usual. Soldiers and Sailors in
Uniform half-price to Back Seats only. Doors
open at 8.30 P.M., commence at 9 o'clock.

A Special Tram will run to the Peak after the
Performances.

Box Office at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.
Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [632]

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
BOOKS AND EFFECTS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
ON

SATURDAY, the 18th May, 1895,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALE ROOMS, DUDDELL STREET,
(For Sundry Accounts),

A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Comprising—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, FANCY
CHAIRS and TABLES, FANCY RATTAN
FURNITURE, OVERMANTELS, BRASS
FENDERS, CURTAINS, CARPETS, ORNA-
MENTS, CLOCKS, &c., &c.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO, in Good Condition,
SEVERAL SIDEBOARDS, with PLATE
GLASS BACKS, DINING TABLE and
CHAIRS, DINNERS, WAGGONS, GLASS and
CROCKERY WARE, ELECTRO-PLATE,
CUTLERY.

PANTRY REQUISITES,
IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BED-
STEADS, with WIRE MATTRESSES, &c.,
SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES WITH
BEVELLED GLASS DOORS and PLAIN,
MARBLE-TOP WASH STANDS and
BUREAUS, DRESSING TABLES and SUN-
DRY BED-ROOM FURNITURE, &c.

BATH-ROOM REQUISITES.

TENNIS GEAR, RICKSHAS,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues issued Prior to Sale. On View
from FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1895.

TERMS OF SALE—As customary,
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [642]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship

"TAIWAN,"
R. Nelson, R.N.R., Commander, will be des-
patched as above on SATURDAY, the 18th
instant, at 3 P.M.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
Supply of Fresh Provisions during the entire
voyage.

A duly qualified Surgeon is carried and the
Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [650]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR CHEFOO AND TIENSIN.
THE Steamer

"KWEIYANG,"

Captain Dawson, will be despatched on MON-
DAY, the 19th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [653]

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamer

"AZAMOR."

Captain H. Nichols, will be despatched for the
above Ports on TUESDAY, the 20th instant, at
noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [655]

FOR VLADIVOSTOK,
VIA SHANGHAI AND NAGASAKI.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CHINAN
PORTS).

THE Steamer

"PORT ADELAIDE."

Captain B. Morgan, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 21st instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [659]

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES.—
"HIGHCLERE," at MAGAZINE GAP.

No. 21, CAINE ROAD.

HOUSES in RIPPON TERRACE,
DES VIEUX VILLAS at THE PEAK.

FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS.

BLUE BUILDINGS,
No. 74, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY CO. LTD.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895.

To-day's
Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE,

No. 525, E.C.

AN EMERGENCY MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zebedee Street, THIS EVENING, the 18th
instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 14th May 1895. [614]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. I. British Ship

"GLENSHAN."

Pritchard, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to

SHEWAN & CO.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1895. [640]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SIMPLY AERATED WATER.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

GINGER ALE.

SARSPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO.'S WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear compari-
son with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MEETINGS and
other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.

Hongkong, 3rd May, 1895. [57]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

ALL these are Selected by our Loaders
House, bought direct at first hand,
imported in Wood and Bottled by ourselves,
thus insuring the lowest prices and enabling
us to supply the best growths at moderate
prices.

PRICE LIST WITH FULL DETAILS, TO BE HAD
ON APPLICATION.

PORT.—After removal should be rested a
month before use. When required for
drinking at once it should be ordered to be
decanted at the Dispensary before being
sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent dinner and after dinner
Wines, of very superior vintage. All are
true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest
priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine
product of the Jules of the grape and are not
artificially made from raisins and currents, as
is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to
be pure Cognac, the difference in price
being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY.—All our Whisky is of excellent
quality and of greater age than most brands
in the market. The Scotch Whisky marked
"E" is universally popular and is pro-
mised by the best local connoisseurs to be
superior to any other brand in the
Hongkong Market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to
be genuine when bought direct from us in the
Colony or from our authorized Agents at the
Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 9th January, 1895. [55]

BIRTH.

At the Peak Hotel, to-day (14th May), the
wife of A. FINDLAY-SMITH, of a daughter.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1895.

SUMMARY OF MAIL NEWS.

The papers received by the French mail
furnish us with home news up to the even-
ing of Friday the 12th April. The
Speaker's farewell address to the House
of Commons, and the vote of thanks,
moved by Mr. Balfour, and supported
Messrs. McCARTHY and RADCLIFFE on behalf
of the Irish parties, and by Mr. CHAMBERLAIN
for the Liberal Unionists, were the
events of the week in Parliament. A Local
Veto Bill, an Irish Land Bill, read a record
time without a division, and the Naval
Works Bill occupied the attention of the
House during the same period. The failure

of one of the great Coolgardie mines was
the subject of considerable excitement and
agitation in the city.

The Times gives at greater length than
we have yet had them out here, the com-
mercial conditions of the China-Japan
Treaty. If the Times' version is correct
the advantages obtained by the Japanese
for themselves and for all other nations
are enormous, exceeding in value all
previous concessions. We reproduce them
from the Weekly Times as follows:—

THE TERMS OF THE TREATY.

First, (a) the unrestricted importation of
machinery into China; (b) the right of foreigners
to establish and engage in manufacturing
industries in China.

Second, (a) the throwing open of the great
river Yang-tse-kiang to steamers and sailing
vessels of all nations as far as Chang-kiang-foo;
(b) the opening of the river Siang by way of
the Tung-kiang Lake as far as Sian-kiang-foo;
(c) the opening of the river Chu-kiang (the Canton river) to the ships of all
nations as far as Wuchow-foo; (d) the opening
to the ships of all nations of the river Woosung
(the Shanghai river) and the Woosung Canal
as far as Soo-choo-foo to the north and Hang-choo-
-foo to the south.

Third, the permanent removal of the Woosung
bar and the establishment and maintenance of
works which shall suffice to keep the river at a
depth suitable for the safe passage of large
vessels at all navigable seasons of the year.

Fourth, the opening to foreign commerce, in
addition to the existing treaty ports, of the cities
of Ching-kiang-foo, Wuchow-foo, Soo-choo-foo,
and Hang-choo-foo, and such other cities as
may hereafter be agreed upon.

It has been distinctly conveyed to the Imperial
Government that the Japanese desire no trading
or commercial advantage which are not at the
same time as freely enjoyed by other Powers
having treaties with China containing the most
favourable clauses. Moreover, the Imperial
Government has been given to understand that
these commercial stipulations will be most
eagerly pressed to acceptance, because it is
believed by the Japanese Government that they
will open up a new era of happiness and
prosperity for China herself.

No suggestion of any opposition on the
part of Russia and the Powers to the
acquisition by Japan of Shingking is to be
found in the latest issue of the Times.

In France there is great excitement and
much clamour of the usual kind against
England, this time about the alleged
deficiencies of the English steamers
chartered to take troops and stores to
Madagascar. They are, it is alleged, all
breaking down, or meeting with accidents,
while English steamers taking stores, etc.,
to the Hovas, never break down, neither
are they delayed. The Paris correspond-
ent of the Times writes strongly on the
subject. The Foreign Minister, Monsieur
Hanoaux, has expressed himself in the
Chambers as utterly unable to
comprehend the meaning and object of
the recent debate in the House of
Commons on France and Africa, and of
the formal declarations and statements of
Sir Edward Grey. He denied that any
fresh incidents had arisen. He claimed that
diplomacy was doing its work and
successfully disposing, one by one, of all
disputed questions. He entered at length into
the question of the Upper Nile and made
certain grave statements on the
position of nations in that part of Africa,
which we hope to reproduce to-morrow.

The agreement with Russia in the
Pamirs was presented to Parliament on the
5th April and appears to dispose
satisfactorily of all pending questions
and to satisfy all existing interests.
How long will Russia respect it?

From America comes the news that the
Supreme Court of the United States has
finally decided that the law imposing a tax
on incomes derived from real estate or
anything savouring of real estate is
unconstitutional; as also, any tax on
municipal or state bonds. The estimated
loss of revenue as the result of this
decision is about \$10,000,000 per annum.

Among the books of the week are
"Annals of the British Peasantry," by
Mr. RUSSELL, M. G. K., author of a
"History of the English Landed Interest;"
"The Decline and Fall of Napoleon,"
by Viscount Wolseley, reproduced from
the "Pall Mall Magazine;" a "History of
English Law," by Sir FREDERICK K. PALMER
and Dr. F. W. MARSHALL, and the first
part of "The Times Atlas." There is no
mention of any book dealing with the
East or with Eastern subjects, with the
exception of the late Major-General
PALMER's "Letter from the Land of the
Rising Sun."

Mr. LEICESTER PAUL, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, has been appointed as
Governor and Commander-in-Chief of
Labuan.

The Weekly Times has the following items of
SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

At Dublin, on Tuesday, Professor Fitzgerald
made a series of successful experiments in
the college park upon a bicycle fitted by a small sail
fixed so as to catch the full force of the breeze.
A very considerable increase in the naval speed
of the bicycle was obtained while the wind acted
upon the "canoe."

Under the Association rules, an international
football match between England and Scotland
was played on Saturday at Liverpool and resulted
in a victory for England by three goals to none.

Under the rules, a Scotch match between
Yankee, the champion team, and the Rest
of England, was played on Monday at Leeds, and
resulted in a decisive victory for Yankee by
three goals

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1895.

is) and marked *agent*, was communicated to me by Dr. Atkinson soon after 8 o'clock.

6.—At 9.15 a.m. Dr. Matheson personally handed over to me 12 non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Engineers; within half an hour seven of them were withdrawn under an order from Headquarters communicated by a non-commissioned officer. These places were filled by men of the Rifles Brigade, who arrived soon after with the other men of that Regiment.

7.—The attached schedule sets forth the disposition and duties of the whole detachment, consisting of 24 police and 21 soldiers.

8.—As regards the house-to-house visitation, care has been taken to see that a soldier is in every case accompanied by a constable when searching a house. Directions have been given to confine the inspection for the present to houses of the worst class. Dwellings in the vicinity of houses in which plague cases have occurred are being inspected daily. Daily reports of the number and situation of the houses visited have been called for. The Capital Superintendent of Police has been good enough to put these instructions down in orders for the guidance of the Police.

9.—The disinfection of the night soil of public latrines—a service to which the Board, especially the medical members, attach considerable importance—has been entrusted to four soldiers under the supervision of the district sanitary officers. Chloride of lime was the disinfectant ordered to be used. In some cases where there has been slight opposition to this measure, I have given distinct orders that in the event of any resistance on the part of the keepers to the Board's order being maintained a prosecution is to be instituted.

10.—In the absence of any fresh cases of plague the soldiers originally detailed for the disinfection and cleansing of houses are for the present either assisting the Police in the house-to-house visitation or the District Inspectors in their respective districts.

11.—As these matters were put in hand by direction of the Captain Superintendent of Police before Captain Hastings took over Mr. May's duties, I attach a copy of this report with a request that it may be transmitted to the Acting Captain Superintendent of Police as early as possible.—I have, &c.

W. EDWARD CROW,
Acting Assistant Secretary
and Superintendent,
The Secretary, Sanitary Board.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
18th May, 1895.

Sir,—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter No. 199 of the 6th instant and of its enclosure, showing the arrangements which have been made for preventing the spread of the plague and for dealing with any cases that may occur, and to state that they have been circulated among the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, whose approval of the arrangements made is recorded in the enclosed copy of a minute by the senior unofficial member.

In accordance with the request of the unofficial members of the Legislative Council, a copy of this letter and of your report and its enclosure will be forwarded to the local press for publication.—I have, &c.

J. H. STUART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary,
The Honourable F. A. Cooper, Director of Public Works and President of Sanitary Board.

MINUTE.

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

On behalf of my official colleagues, amongst whom these papers have been circulated, I wish to express our appreciation of the prompt and vigorous measures taken to control a possible invasion of the plague. As the Colony in general seems to be unaware of what precautions have been adopted, we would suggest that they be communicated to the local press, as also any further steps that may from time to time be taken, so that the community may be assured that everything possible is being done to avert danger of a recurrence of the disease.

C. P. CHATER.

THE EXCHANGE OF THE RATIFICATIONS.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS CLEARED FOR ACTION.

According to the following report on the exchange of the ratifications of the Treaty of Peace at Chefoo on the 5th instant, Russia continued the game of "bluff" up the very last moment and even went to the length of "clearing for action," all to no purpose however, as far as the exchange of the ratifications was concerned, though with what anterior effect, in respect to the price of "peace with honour," has not yet been made known. Our contemporary states:

"The account published of the exchange of ratifications of the Treaty at Chefoo yesterday afternoon were premature, and we ourselves were quite misled by the circumstantial account received from a correspondent, who must have jumped to hasty conclusions and sacrificed certain salutary that went on to the conclusion of the important business then pending. Yesterday morning we received from our own correspondent at Chefoo a telegram, dated 2.20 p.m. on Wednesday, as follows:—The Chinese Plenipotentiary received instructions to delay exchange of ratifications. The American Minister (Foster) applied to the Japanese for extension of the time expiring at midnight. The Russian, German, and French Ministers are urging China to withhold ratification until effects given to their protest against Japanese annexation. The Japanese Plenipotentiary threatened to depart from China. The Russian squadron of ten ships are clearing for action, and have landed all their spare and wooden fittings."

"This was decidedly ominous, and while we were rejoicing here at the supposed termination of the war, matters at Chefoo were in a very critical state. It is unknown as yet how a settlement was arrived at, but apparently better counsels prevailed, which we are no doubt right in assuming came from the British Minister and Sir Robert Hart, for just at midnight the ratifications were exchanged, and that of China, so far as Japan is concerned, have ceased. It yet remains to be ascertained what definite settlement has been made between Japan and Russia, and if the former has succeeded in satisfying Germany and France.

"Count Ito, the Japanese Plenipotentiary, has left Chefoo for Japan in the *Yokohama Maru*, carrying with him the ratified Treaty."

THE OUTBREAK IN FORMOSA.

A copy of the *North China Daily News* received here by the *Sailors* this morning contains the following interesting information respecting the present condition of affairs in the "Beautiful Isle" and of the recent revolt of the troops against their commanding officers, one of whom, a Colonel, as stated in these columns on the 5th ultimo, was shot down.

Formosa is in anything but a state of peaceful anticipation of the coming of the Japanese, and these plucky little people will find that the greatest struggle of the whole war is yet to come. It is one thing to secure a cage of animals; but it is quite another to tame them. Eighty thousand Chinese soldiers are practically in command of the Island, the Government is without authority and is unable to exert the slightest influence. At the port of *Mo-ko* are gathered

the foreign officers of the Chinese Customs and the British Consul, but the foreigners and their interests centre at *Taipeh* (Tatutu), thirteen miles up the river, which is unfortunately also the seat of its tributary, as it is the capital and headquarters of many Chinese officials.

At a consultation held a few days ago, the Governor informed the foreigners present, that he had lost all control of his people and that unless Foreign Powers intervened or sufficient foreign protection was provided as soon as possible, Formosa would be thrown into a state of anarchy and rebellion that would sweep over the whole Island. The mandarins of all grades would be first to fall and then a deadly war of factions would continue until the stronger had totally conquered the weaker. Therefore he was unable to offer the last protection to foreign lives and property.

That the Chinese soldiers are beginning to feel their strength is evident from the rows and rows which are almost of daily occurrence. The description of the riot which occurred on the 2nd portrays well the condition of affairs. On the 20th the Governor sent his motor to *Canton*, and was sending her baggage along two days later, but as the soldiers were carrying it through the streets they were stopped by the inhabitants and the luggage examined. This being reported to Admiral Yang, he sent a messenger to the Governor to advise him not to send the baggage to *Canton*, and as it would probably be plundered. This man met the soldiers carrying the baggage and ordered them back, but not appreciating such interference, the soldiers proceeded to jump on the offender and gave him a severe beating. As soon as he could escape he returned at once to the Admiral, and reported that he had been attacked while doing his duty, whereupon the Admiral with a company of his soldiers started out to investigate. As soon as they were seen approaching, the Governor's soldiers returned to the Governor's *yamen*, and closed the gates; naturally this created a great deal of excitement and a big crowd of natives gathered outside. The Colonel in command of the Governor's soldiers seems to have been on bad terms with his men, owing to his appropriating all of 8000 taels, that had been left by the Governor's mother as a gift to the soldiers on her departure; and as he made his appearance and was rash enough to give orders, he was immediately shot down dead. One of the Governor's secretaries attempted to run away conveying some treasure, as he feared the Governor's *yamen* would be looted, and received six bullets in his back for his pains. By this time a great hubbub was going on outside and the Governor's soldiers proceeded to fire on the crowd, by putting their rifles up over the wall, inclining them to what they considered the right angle and then discharging them. After about two hundred rounds had been fired, the Governor made his appearance and succeeded in quieting the riot, but not without eighteen unarmed inhabitants of the city being killed, two severely and twenty more or less wounded. The wounded were taken to the hospital, but the Chinese doctor in charge had barricaded the doors and refused to let them in. The poor fellows were placed beside the door and were left to die, until an officer whose attention was called to it, broke in the door and forced Doctor Chow to attend to them.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.

THE LAW OF LANDLORD AND TENANT.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—Can I ask you through your paper, could Hongkong make a better Law as regards the Plague season? I have seen notices given to quit the tenements where the rent is regularly paid, this seems to me the Landlords intention to stifle the deadly disease to every part of this City. The poor creatures have to remove from place to place, and then, they do not know where to go; the Government would not listen to their complaints, the Courts are too big for them, the Pesthouse could not admit them, and where is the Law to forbid them, and if there is one, the inhabitants of the Colony would be in order and safe, instead of starving.

I am very sorry for troubling you, but I hope that you would excuse me.

Yours respectfully,

Y. CHING HO,
Hongkong, 14th May, 1895.

We are much obliged to our correspondent for his letter and avail ourselves of this opportunity to say that we regret to publish any communication from one Chinese fellow-citizen. We wish more of the world would interest themselves in local affairs. So many of them now speak and write English and so many questions arise to connect us with local affairs about which they must often wish to be heard, that we are surprised more Chinese do not avail themselves of the public press to air their opinions and grievances. The law of landlord and tenant unquestionably stands in need of careful revision, as do all the laws bearing on Chinese questions and Chinese interests. Anything that tends to promote the movement or shuffling of the Chinese population from place to place within the confines of the colony is highly undesirable at the present moment.—Ed. *Hongkong Telegraph*.

THE LOSS OF THE "PEKIN."

MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

At the Harbour Master's Office this morning a Court of Inquiry investigated the cause of the fatal loss of the British coasting steamer *Pekin*, Captain G. Parker, which, as previously reported in these columns, was wrecked near *Muchin Sound*, off *Ockham*, on the 3rd instant, while on a voyage from *Foochow* to *Amoy*. The Court was constituted as follows:—Captain R. Murray Ramsey, *Rtd. Comdr. R.N.* (*Unbiased*); Lieut. F. W. Loane, *R.N.* (*Unbiased*); Captain C. H. S. Tocque, *Verona* and Captain E. Porter of the *Brasmar*.

A letter from the British Consul at *Amoy* reporting the loss of the steamer *Pekin* was read, as also the warrant of the Governor directing a Court of Inquiry to determine the cause of the loss of the *Pekin*.

Mr. H. L. Denys watched the proceedings on behalf of *Ying Hing*, of *Tamsui*, owners of the *Pekin*, and for whom Messrs. *Malempre & Co.* are the local agents.

George Parker said—I have a master's certificate, No. 86246, issued at Belfast in 1871. I was master of the steamer *Pekin*. I joined her on December 14th, 1894, at *Hongkong*. She was a Hongkong registered ship, but she has not got a Hongkong Passenger Certificate. I left *Foochow* on the 21st, bound for *Hongkong* and *Amoy*, with a cargo of coal and ballast. The draft of the vessel was 8.3 m. and off forward, as far as I can recollect. The official log was lost, so I am unable to refer to that. I refer to the master's log and find the draft on leaving *Foochow* was 8.4 m., 1' 10" and 6' 6" in. The crew consisted of, besides myself, one deck officer, one engineer, six quartermasters, three A.B.'s (Chinese), etc., that is 16 all told. We left *Foochow* at 7 p.m. on the 2nd, May 4, the weather was fine with smooth seas, and rather hazy. We passed *Turnabout* three miles off at 8 p.m. and sighted *Ockham* at 11 p.m. and passed it at 1.30 a.m. on the 3rd.

P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., which left *Hongkong* on April 18th for *San Francisco*, via *Macao*, *Nagasaki*, *Kebo*, *India*, *Sea*, and *Yokohama*, arrived at 11 p.m. and passed it at 1.30 a.m. on the 3rd.

two miles distant. At 2.30 lost sight of *Ockham*, which was about one point on port quarter. The weather was then getting very foggy. I was on deck about 4.25 when the look-out man reported a junk on the starboard side, but this proved to be a rock. I starboarded one point when the look-out man reported it, and after I had starboarded I made it out to be a rock, and thought it was *Pramid Point*. The weather was then getting very thick. Soon after this we sighted a light on the starboard bow and a light ahead. Then the helm was put hard a starboard, and as I saw she would not clear the rocks I stopped the engines, and at the same time the ship struck. I reversed the engines, but the ship did not move. We then began to throw coals overboard out of the forehold. That hold was filled rapidly with water. At 5 o'clock there was 4 feet of water in the fore hold. I then gave orders to stop the engines and draw the fires, and seeing there was no hope of saving the ship I cleared away the boats and put them close in shore to prevent her slipping off into deep water. Sent *Cadet* officer away with three boats and part of the crew to land their effects and return to the ship, remaining on board myself with the Chief Engineer, two mess-room boys and the boatswain. At this time fishermen began to plunder the ship and threatened the Chief Engineer with a hatchet when he tried to get into the one remaining boat which had been kept alongside. As I could not keep the marauders off I got into the boat and pulled away after the chief officer's boat. Found the other boat close inshore, and then the natives would not allow their occupants to land. I gave orders to them to follow me and pulled towards *Toung*, where I landed at 9 p.m., the distance being from 12 to 14 miles from the scene of the wreck. The Chief Engineer visited the wreck during the afternoon, and when he returned, he reported that she had broken up.

Witness was cross-examined at length by the President and other members of the Court.

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